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FOR: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING AND REMOVING CLOSING MEANS FROM AN
END PORTION OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND THE USE THEREOF IN
PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants petition for the period for response to be extended by two months. If any fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 4865-90.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-7.

Claims 1 and 29-30 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 8.